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REMARKS

Claim 14 has been amended to correct the misspelled word. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendment and the following remarks.

Claim Objection

Claim 14 has been objected to because the word "plate" is misspelled. Claim 14 has been amended to correct the error, thereby obviating this objection.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-6, 8-15 and 17-21 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,631,691 in view of Kohno and Mattson. Applicant encloses a terminal disclaimer, thereby obviating this rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7 and 16 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As explained above, the rejection of the base claim and the intervening claim should be withdrawn. Accordingly, this objection should also be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the Applicant's amendments to the claims and the foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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